



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Robert GARFIELD et al. : Group Art Unit: 1651

Serial No.: 09/121,849 : Examiner: H. Lilling

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For: TREATMENT OF PREECLAMPSIA, TOXEMIA AND PRETERM LABOR WITH  
COMBINATION OF PROGESTATIONAL AGENT AND A NITRIC OXIDE  
SYNTHASE SUBSTRATE AND/OR DONOR

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**REPLY TO REQUIREMENT FOR AN ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

To further clarify the election of species in the Reply filed on February 5, 2001,  
applicants note that the elected species are:

- for compound (a), as recited, *e.g.*, in Claim 14 (which is not listed by the Examiner in paragraph 7 of the Office Action dated January 4, 2001): the progestin, **progesterone**;
- for compound (b), as recited, *e.g.*, in Claim 14: the nitric acid donor, **nitroglycerin**;
- for compound (c), as recited, *e.g.*, in Claim 14: the cyclooxygenase inhibitor, **aspirin**. See, *e.g.*, the specification at page 5, line 26, for a disclosure of aspirin as a cyclooxygenase inhibitor of the invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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